Homegoing Celebration For

Pauline Keels

Sunrise
June 17, 1925

Sunset
April 13, 2014

Services
11:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 1, 2014
Civic Center Chapel
455 24th Street
Richmond, California
Officiating ~ Reverend Byron Earl Keels

Obituary

On the morning of April 13, 2014 at 6:50 am, Pauline Keels passed away peacefully of natural causes. At the time of her passing Pauline was in the presence of a beloved family member along with dedicated, familiar staff members at the Creekside Assisted Care Facility in San Pablo, CA . Pauline was 88 years old or young, depending on how you view it. Pauline was born in the small rural town of Hope, Arkansas on June 17, 1925. Hope later gained additional notoriety as the birthplace of William (Bill) Jefferson Clinton, our 42nd President of the United States. Pauline was the only child of her mother Eula Wright. Her father, Jimmy Cheatum, also had a son named Charles, who was Pauline's half brother. Pauline's beloved mother, father and brother preceded her in death.

Pauline grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas which was a larger city than Hope. There she attended school and was raised in the church. She accepted Christ at an early age. Her mother was very strict when it came to attending church. With big, bright, longing eyes toward the future and progressive thoughts she began to consider moving West, where she heard opportunities were abundant. So she packed up and headed West. Not too far West in Texarkana TX, she met and married Earl Thompson Keels (preceded in death). They continued West to their future, where they found a homestead in Richmond, CA. They were blessed with a new home in Parchester Village and with a houseful of children. To their union were 5 beautiful kids: Regina, Byron, Sharon, Ronald and Patricia.

Pauline learned and liked to sew early in life. She began sewing for her family and continued to do so until home-made clothes were no longer in fashion, according to her children. But homemade ice cream was a different story altogether. You know, where you all took turns grinding the ice in the bucket...there was nothing better YUMMY! Thanks Mom. Pauline loved to fish and was quite good at it. Some would even say she was a fisherman par excellance – truly one of the best of the best! Yes, she told those fish stories too. She enjoyed playing KENO and attending live horseracing events . Pauline worked as a dietician for more than 15 years at Elwood Convalescent Hospital in Berkeley, CA. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Richmond, CA where she served on the Usher Board for many years. She took her children to church, just as her mother took her and they had the same resounding theme: "You need Jesus in your life, have faith in God." Pauline had a big heart and always tried to help others. She will be greatly missed. We love you momma, but God loves you best.

Pauline is survived by her five children: Regina, Byron (Lula), Sharon, Ronald and Patricia. Eleven grandchildren: Domanick, Philip, Maurice (deceased), Kenya, Byron II, Ashley, Ethan, Matthew, Jeremiah, Keisha, and Marcus. Eleven great-grandchildren: Isaiah, Maciah, Noah, Jacob, Kyree, Maya, Dezaybra, Zaire, Imani, Daeja and Jordan. And other relatives and friends.

Service

Processional . . . . . .

Prayer of Consolation. . . . . .

Musical Selection. . . . . .

Inspirational Thoughts. . . . . .

Obituary and Acknowledgement of Cards. . . . . .

Solo. . . . . .

Remarks. . . . . .

Eulogy. . . . . .

Musical Selection. . . . . .

Parting View. . . . . .Wilson & Kratzer Staff

Recessional. . . . . .

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Dr.
Richmond, Ca 94803

Repast

Greater El Bethel Church in Parchester Village
813 Williams Dr.
Richmond, CA 94806

Pallbearers

Noah Keels
Ronald Keels
Philip Honable
Rev. Byron Keels

Ethan Burks
Jeremiah Burks
Isaiah Honable
Bertram Burks

Scripture

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing. 2 Tim 4:7-8

Acknowledgment

If you sent a card or a dish of food; we saw it there. If you made a comforting call, said a prayer or thought of us that day, we thank you so very much. God bless you

– The Family

Special thanks to: Creekside Care Facility, Doctor's Hospital, Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary, Rolling Hills Cemetery, Greater El Bethel Church

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